

structure mounting said cylinder for rotation thereof around the longitudinal axis at a predetermined angular velocity to enable successive viewing of said columns of said electronic display through said slot; and

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circuitry for operating said electronic display to illuminate said columns of said display in sequence, with said column S_1 of said display being illuminated when an angle α_1 is formed between a viewer and said slot, said column S_2 of said display being illuminated when an angle α_2 is formed between a viewer and said slot, until said column S_n of said display is illuminated at an angle α_n between a viewer and said slot, wherein each column of said display is illuminated for a time interval such that said display is visible only in one direction at a viewing angle β partially around a circumference of said cylinder.--

REMARKS

The new Abstract of the Disclosure above is believed to comply with the guidelines set out in the Office Action.

The applicant would like to express his gratitude for the Examiner's indication that the claims in the present application recite patentable subject matter. The only rejections of record, of claims 10 and 13, are under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. It is believed that new claims 10 and 13 shown above address the points raised by the Examiner in the Office Action. The claim changes are shown on the attached Appendix, with additions to the claims underlined and deletions from them placed in brackets.

Since the changes solely address rejections based on the form of the claims, and place the application in condition for allowance, the applicants respectfully request entry of same.

This Amendment After Final Rejection responds to all of the points raised in the Office Action and places the application in condition for allowance in accordance with the indication of patentable subject matter in the Office Action. Therefore, reconsideration of the present application and allowance thereof with claims 7-13 is respectfully requested.

Regarding a formal matter, the Examiner is requested to indicate that she has considered the PCT Search Report and Preliminary Examination Report listed on the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 5, 2002.

Any fees associated with this Amendment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-0035.

Correspondence should continue to be directed as shown below.

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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

--10. (Amended) The device of claim 9, wherein each said object is deformed from a [the] shape in which it is to appear through said slots in said rotating cylinder.

13. (Amended) A device for providing object visibility from all sides, the device comprising:

a cylinder having an opaque surface interrupted by a plurality of transparent sections forming viewing slots elongated in the direction of a longitudinal axis of said cylinder;

an electronic display mounted to said cylinder interiorly thereof, said display including a plurality of selectively illuminated columns S_1 , S_2 , . . . S_n viewable through said viewing slot;

structure mounting said cylinder for rotation thereof around the longitudinal axis at a predetermined angular velocity to enable successive viewing of said columns of said electronic display through said slot; and

circuitry for operating said electronic display to illuminate said columns of said display in sequence, with said [first] column S_1 of said display being illuminated when an angle α_1 is formed between a viewer and said slot, said [second] column S_2 of said display being illuminated when an angle α_2 is formed between a viewer and said slot, until said [nth] column S_n of said display is illuminated at an angle α_n between a viewer and said slot, wherein each column of said display is illuminated for a time interval such that said display is visible only in one direction at a viewing angle β partially around a circumference of said cylinder.--

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